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Hi- i have lived in Flagstaff for 20 years and enough with the blaring train horns. In the olden days the horns were no where near as loud and there were far fewer trains coming through town. Now the number is somewhere around 120 in 24 hours!! And the horns are definately louder and longer. I live in downtown and my sleap is often disrupted by the horns, especially at 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. I usually have to wear ear plugs to get a restful nights sleep. I cannot have my windows open in the summer at night because of the abrasive sounds coming from the trains. The horns are an antiquated device for warning people of an oncoming train! In 20 years of living here, the majority of train-human interactions is with drunks or suicide victims. It is really hard not to see a train. Double barricades in place will do the job of alerting people. Please, let's get with the 21st century and allow the train horns to disappear at the 3 downtown crossings and let the city install the barricades as originally planned for last spring. Sincerely, Marcia Burns

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From: Marcia Burns [swtropicals@yahoo.com]
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To whom it may concern : i moved downtown a year ago believing in good faith the train horn noise was finally going away. Well as we all know they are still there, very loud and very clear. The noise at times is very hard to live with. All summer i slept with all my windows shut. I wear ear plugs most of the time to sleep, even with the windows shut. If i am listening to music or watching a movie, i often have to turn the volume up while the train is roaring around the bend, then blowing its horn. Some conductors really go to town on that horn, making a sing song kind of noise. Others just lay on that horn like there is no tomorrow. I have been in Flagstaff since 1985. I have avoided living in parts of town that are affected by the train horns. I finally moved downtown so i could use a car less, and be in a real neighborhood. I am really having a hard time living here. I refuse to move again. It is time to get rid of this antiquated thinking that we need "bells and whistles" to alert people to something as large and as noisy as a freight train!! look at Europe.....just barricades, that is all, and some of those trains go over 100 mph. It is time now to finally improve the quality of life here in Flagstaff and join the thinking of the 21st century. Please do whatever is necessary to get the train silencing project back on track!! Sincerely, Marcia Burns